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SUBJ: NON-ALIGNED MOVEMENT: CUBANS AGAIN STRIKE OUT AT
YUGOSLAVS

REF: A. BELGRADE 5058; B. HAVANA 1803

1. SUMMARY: CUBAN PRESS HEIGHTENS ITS POLEMIC WITH YU)AVS
ON NATURE OF NON-ALIGNMENT. END SUMMARY.

2. FOLLOWING ON HEELS OF JULY 6 PRENSA LATINA ARTICLE (REFTEL A),
CUBAN MAGAZINE BOHEMIA AND OFFICIAL ORGAN OF CENTRAL COMMITTEE
OF COMMUNIST PARTY, GRANMA, CONTINUE THEIR CRITICISM OF "SOME
THEORETICIANS" (OBVIOUSLY YUGOSLAVS) WHO DEFINE NON-ALIGNMENT
AS POLITICAL STANCE OF BALANCE BETWEEN TWO BLOCKS. CUBANS PREDICT
THAT CUBAN DEFINITION OF NON-ALIGNMENT AS "ANTI-IMPERIALISM"
(OPPOSITION TO WEST) WILL BE ENDORSED AT BELGRADE NON-ALIGNED
MINISTERIAL.

3. BOHEMIA, JULY 7 DRAWING HEAVILY ON JULY 6 PRENSA
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LATINA ARTICLE (REF A), ATTACKS JOVAN MIRIC OF YUGOSLAV
TANJUG NEWS AGENCY FOR AN ARTICLE CLAIMING THAT CUBAN
DRAFT FINAL DOCUMENT AT RECENT HAVANA NON-ALIGNED COORDINATING
BUREAU MEETING WAS ONE-SIDED. BOHEMIA STATES THAT,
WHILE CUBAN DRAFT WAS EXTENSIVELY AMENDED BY BUREAU MEMBERS,
THIS IS NORMAL PRACTICE. INDEED, BOHEMIA CONTINUES, NAM
BUREAU ENDORSED CUBA'S ORGANIZATIONAL EFFORTS AT HAVANA AND

CUBA'S ROLE IN PROMOTING LIBERATION STRUGGLE. (COMMENT: THIS REFERS TO MAY 20 PLO RESOLUTION AT HAVANA COORDINATING BUREAU MEETING, WHICH WAS ENDORSED BY ACCLAMATION - ALBEIT UNDER CONFUSED CIRCUMSTANCES. SEE HAVANA 1379.) BOHEMIA CONCLUDES THAT MIRIC'S ARTICLE, RATHER THAN FORTIFYING UNITY OF NAM, CONTRIBUTES TO IMPERIALISM'S EFFORT TO UNDERMINE NAO FROM WITHIN.

4. GRANMA, JULY 10, PUBLISHES AGGRESSIVE AND LENGTHY EDITORIAL ARTICLE SIGNED BY VIRGILIO CALVO-BUT WHICH YUGOSLAVS HERE BELIEVE IS PRODUCT OF CUBAN CP CENTRAL COMMITTEE STAFF. EDITORIAL SEEKS TO LINK NON-ALIGNED "MODERATES" WITH NATO POWERS AND CHINESE. GRANMA SAYS OBJECTIVES OF THIS CABAL IS TO: A) ISOLATE NAM FROM POLITICAL PROBLEMS AND CONCENTRATE ITS ATTENTION ON ECONOMIC QUESTIONS, B) CHANGE NAM'S ANTI-IMPERIALIST POSTURE TO "PASSIVE NEUTRALITY" AND ANTAGONISM TO SOCIALIST COUNTRIES, AND C) BLOCK CUBAN ACTIONS WITHIN NAM WITH "LIES AND FALSEHOODS" WITH THE AIM OF "SABOTAGING" HOLDING OF NAM SUMMIT IN HAVANA IN 1979.

5. EDITORIAL CITES COMMON USE OF "PERFIDIOUS" TERM "HEGEMONISM" BY CHINESE AND SOME MEMBERS OF NAM. THESE NAM MEMBERS (THAT IS, YUGOSLAVS AND OTHERS), CUBANS SAY, LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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WISH TO MOVE NON-ALIGNED MOVEMENT FROM ANTI-IMPERIALIST TO ANTI-COMMUNIST ORIENTATION. (COMMENT: YUGOSLAVIA IS NOT MENTIONED BY NAME, BUT CUBAN USE OF "HEGEMONY" PHRASE CLEARLY POINTS UP BELGRADE AS TARGET. ZAIRE AND EGYPT ARE CITED BY NAME AND DESCRIBED AS "MARKEDLY PRO-IMPERIALIST".)

6. GRANMA, IN EDITORIAL ARTICLE JULY 13, CONTINUES ASSAULT, SAYING THAT "SOME THEORETICIANS" IN NAM ARE PLAYING "AMERICAN IMPERIALISTS' GAME". IDEA TUS ARISEN, GRANMA SAYS, OF CONDEMNING "SO-CALLED HEGEMONISM" AT BELGRADE MEETING. THIS "DIVIDING MANEUVER", CUBANS SAY, HAS "STRONG CHINESE ODOR". ACCORDING TO GRANMA, "THEORETICIANS" EVEN WANT TO ELIMINATE "FUNDAMENTAL PRINCIPLE" OF NAM - "ALLIANCE" WITH "PROGRESSIVE FORCES AND LOVERS OF PEACE". UNDER SLOGAN OF "INDEPENDENCE" AND EQUIDISTANCE" BETWEEN BLOCS, "THEORETICIANS" WISH TO HAVE NAM CONFRONT "SOCIALIST CAMP". CUBANS CONCLUDE THAT THERE IS "SUSPICIOUS COINCIDENCE" BETWEEN PEKING AND WASHINGTON STATEMENTS ON CUBA'S ROLE IN NAM AND STATEMENTS OF THE "THEORETICIANS". BUT, GRANMA SAYS, BELGRADE MEETING WILL DEMONSTRATE TRIUMPH OF THESIS THAT NAM SHOULD MAINTAIN SOLID "ANTI-IMPERIALIST" ORIENTATION.

7. COMMENT: ATTACK ON YUGOSLAVIA AND OTHER NAM
"MODERATES" IS CLEARLY REFLECTION OF ACUTE POLITICAL SENSI-
TIVITY OF CUBANS TO CRITICISM OF THEIR AFRICAN ROLE AND
TIES WITH SOVIET UNION, RATHER THAN SEEKING TO CONCILIATE
CRITICS, HOWEVER, CUBANS HAVE ADOPTED DEFIANT POSTURE -
BANKING ON PROBABILITY THAT NAM "MODERATES" WILL COMPROMISE
WITH HAVANA RATHER THAN RUTPURE NAM UNITY. IN ADDITION,
AT TIME OF ACUTE ECONOMIC DIFFICULTIES DOR CUBA, (DUE TO LOCAL
FREE MARKET SUGAR PRICES) AND NEED TO NEGOTIATE CONTINUATION
OF FAVORABLE COMMERCIAL/FINANCIAL RELATIONS WITH USSR
FOR POST 1980 PERIOD, CUBANS ARE IN EXTRAORDINARILY BAD
POSITION TO PLAY UP INDEPENDENCE FROM SOVIET UNION.
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